

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 5.

Please substitute amended claims 1, 6, 7 and 13 for pending claims 1, 6, 7 and 13 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A trailing edge deletion prevention apparatus suitable for use with an image forming system, comprising:

a paper guide mounted along a paper path and adapted to guide paper along said paper path; and

a biasing member mounted to said image forming system and biased against said paper guide along said paper path and allowing a printing device to be moved over said paper while allowing an edge of said printing device to extend beyond said paper guide to a position upstream of the paper guide and to print along a trailing edge of said paper.

6. (Amended) The trailing edge detection prevention apparatus of claim 17, wherein said paper guide is a roller and is mounted perpendicular to said paper path and adapted to be rotatably mounted about an axis perpendicular to said paper path.

7. (Amended) The trailing edge detection prevention apparatus of claim 17, wherein said biasing member is a pinch spring.

13. (Twice Amended) A method for preventing deleting a trailing edge of a piece of paper processed by an image forming system, comprising the steps of:

biasing a biasing member against a paper guide;

passing a piece of paper between said biasing member and said paper guide such that said piece of paper is taut to a location further along a paper path; and

moving a printing device over said piece of paper while allowing an edge of said printing device to extend beyond said paper guide to a position upstream of the paper guide, to allow an image to be formed along a trailing edge of said paper.

Please add new claims 17-23 as follows:

17. (New) A trailing edge deletion prevention apparatus suitable for use with an image forming system, comprising:

a movable printing device having at least a first edge, and a printing area;

a paper guide mounted along a paper path and adapted to guide paper along said paper path; and

a biasing member mounted to said image forming system and biased against said paper guide to cause said paper to be taut to a location further along said paper path and configured to accommodate the movable printing device wherein the first edge of said printing device extends beyond said paper guide to a position upstream of the paper guide, and wherein the printing area of the printing device is substantially located over a position where the biasing member and the paper guide meet.

18. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the position upstream of the paper guide is in a direction opposite the direction of travel of the paper in the paper path.

19. The method according to claim 13, wherein the position upstream of the paper guide is in a direction opposite the direction of travel of the paper in the paper path.

20. The apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the position upstream of the paper guide is in a direction opposite the direction of travel of the paper in the paper path.

21. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the printing area extends to at least a central axis of the printing guide.

22. The method according to claim 13, wherein the printing area extends to at least a central axis of the printing guide.

23. The apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the printing area extends to at least a central axis of the printing guide.